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On an old "Leave Lucy" episode for some reason Fred and Ethel Mertz had to live with Ricky and Lucy for what was supposed to be a short time. By the end of the show, what started out like a great idea was now putting Lucy and Ethel at each others throat and Ricky and Fred were about to come to blows. Thus proving the old well-known maxim by Publius the Syrian also lived in SBC: "Familiarity breeds contempt." It's so true. We have found this true concerning our relatives, our friends and our co-workers. Less even than more dangerous than being at ease around a lion is being at ease taking lightly or becoming too familiar with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. We especially that fill this building Sun men, might, we might need to give serious heed to the warning of Tonights message. Every person lost saved, man woman child should take heed to their treating familiar the things of God and the things of Christ because of falling

I. Familiarity Refusing - We live in and around the scenic city where others have driven 1000's of miles to see attractions that we drive by every day. Computer are hand

I refuse them because familiar. Here Jesus is

### A. Refuses Wisdom Because of Works -

Notice where Jesus was preaching; in the Synagogue. Jesus had been preaching to the crowds that came to him in public. But that doesn't seem to be the case at here. Apollonius? At Synagogue they were "astonished" they were flabbergasted. Couldnt believe. This is the unlearned carpenter that has worked right down the road all these years. Where did he get his stuff? He's a nobody. He hasn't been trained, learned. Where's he getting all this. He's no better than me he's a carpenter. Danger <sup>3</sup> I heard that.

### B. Refuses Pronouncement because of Pedigree

They refused him because of not only what he did but who he was. VS 3 Mary's son. This is intended as a slander. Usually a man was referred to as son of Father. May be referring to and questioning the virgin birth account. Look here's all his brothers and sisters. It's not of some special line or of royal pedigree. He's just like them. VS 4 Even "his own house" didn't believe. Here is the heart attack serious application. Christians - little Christ's. We served out like it when the

### II. Familiarity's Reduction -

This <sup>VS 5</sup> refusal and writing off of the Messianic in their midst was costly. That which they had heard of Jesus doing in other

ayh 1) ...Aesop even wrote a fable to illustrate it. In Aesop's fable, a fox had never before seen a lion, and when he first met the king of the beasts, the fox was nearly frightened to death. At their second meeting, the fox was not frightened quite as much; and the third time he met the lion, the fox went up and chatted with him! "And so it is," Aesop concluded, "that familiarity makes even the most frightening things seem quite harmless."

- 2) Jesus is making his way back to his home town. Not for a casual visit to catch up with friends and family but as a teacher a rabbi with some public statement to be heard. We know this be verse 1. He came with his disciples. All rabbi's of that time kept a following of a handful of disciples with them as they traveled and taught. But no sooner than he began to speak he was refused and rejected. Notice first they...
- 3) Danger: I heard all that Sunday School stuff before. I know all the stories. I know what you're suppose to believe and not believe. Heaven Hell cross tomb. Do not take the eternal truths of God for granted and belittle them with familiarity.
- 4) ...when the world looks at these little Christ's then they think that they must be what the Big Christ is like, they are making a grave and grossly false comparison. Don't sum up the claims of Christ concerning the church by those that may haunt it's premises, but not hold it's professions. Because of this, they were offended. They stumbled. They could not go any further. That leads me to the next point We should be warned of Familliarity because of ...  
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1...Right there in their midst, but no familiarity's  
nor reduction.

...where the world looks at these little children  
think that they want to waste the big Christ is like they  
see themselves as wise and cleverly take comparison. Don't  
envy them the church by  
those first may seem it's because put on God it's  
holiness. Because of this they were offended. They  
simply. They look not so you forget her tent besides we  
are familiar with him and his ways. Now we are not of  
2) ...he's sat on for 20 years than the man that has sat on  
bar stool for 35 years! Familiarity reduces a man's  
chances from getting into the kingdom of God.

cities, could have happened right in their midst  
A. Reduces The Miraculous - Vs 5 No  
mighty work because of their unbelief.  
The mighty works that Christ performed  
were not to inspire belief but were in response  
to belief and faith. Faith healers and  
charismatic wonder workers say miracles bring  
faith. Not miracles are a response to faith.  
The latter part of verse #5 indicates Jesus  
Himself had to seek out a few sick folk to heal.  
If we insist to come in this place out of  
routine and constraint we will not see the miracle.  
But if we would seek for reach for long for miracles  
B. Reduces The Righteous - Vs 6a

Twice in the Bible you find Jesus  
marvelling. In Luke 7:9, Jesus marvelled  
at the great faith of the Roman Centurion. Here  
oppositely, He marvelled at the lack of  
Faith. Unbelief! Where does the Righteousness  
of God which is the essence of Salvation  
come from? Faith. Belief. Jesus came  
to his home town to find a whole bunch  
of lost people that refused to be saved  
people. That's why it is harder to see a man  
saved off the church pew than the sinner for

III. Familiarity's Responsibility - 6b  
These home town folks must take  
responsibility for their flippant  
apathetic response to Jesus.

A. Responsible for Their Reaction - 6b  
And he went... Jesus is a gentle man  
he will not force himself on anyone.  
Just like the prodigal's father. He  
will give you what you want. Sammy  
Campbell preaches a message. They got  
what they wanted but they lost what they  
had. Here they had harbored in their  
midst for 30 years the blessed son of God.  
The first time he returned to them was in Luke 15  
they about threw him over a cliff. And most gracious  
a second time he comes. They refuse + he walks away.

B. Responsible for Their Redemption -  
Because of their reaction, they were  
now responsible for their redemption.  
This is the last recorded visit of Christ  
to his home town never to return. Can  
you imagine Mary & Joseph's next  
door neighbor. He watched Jesus grow  
up as a child. Watched as he became a man  
worked in the shop. Jesus comes for this last  
time making bold claims. Neighbor Nah  
I know you! There nothing to the Christianity  
stuff. Jesus moves on never to return. He is  
IV. Closing - I have heard of many an electrician  
who after years of experience become careless  
and slip shod about their work that ended up  
dead because of familiarity. Luke 12:5

- 1) ...walks away. Service after service, time and again. He has come to you beckoning you to repent and receive Him as your Saviour. Will you reject him again? You will be held responsible for your reaction to his inviting.
  
- 2) He is now responsible for his own redemption and he cannot redeem himself. Romans 2:5-6 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:
- 3) Luke 12:5 ...Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.